

SSWAG Virtual Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:00 am

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District 5

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District 6

Cory Lowe
District 7

Teri Hendrix
District 8

Mallory Hollis
District 9

Stephanie Taylor
District 10

Welcome
District Updates
Secretary Report
Treasurer Report
Awards Chair Updates
Community Relations
Legislative Chair Updates
GNETS Report
Historian Report
Journal/Research Chair Report
Long Range Planning Updates
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Mentor Committee Updates
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Parliamentarian
Procedural Guidelines
Professional Development
Public Relations Chair
Retirement Co-Chairs
SSWAA/GaDOE Report
University Updates
Vendor Consultant Chair
Webmaster Updates

Dr. Brown-Pinkney
3-5 minutes
Chrystal Gillis
Erin Woodcock
Dr. Tracie Hogan-Simmons
Dr. Ursula Harris

Allison Jones
Burine Hill
Dr. Cynthia Turner and Lois Word
Petrina Fowler and Heather Anderson
Kashera Robinson
Kitina McCants and Crystal Williams
Pamela Jemerson
Keith Wilkey
Dr. Lisa Hill
Mary Gail Lindsey
Michelle Blackburn
Recarlo Williams
Ida Hadford Brown
Dr. Lindsey Oliver
Julie Hawkins
Sonya Cruel
Jarod Anderson

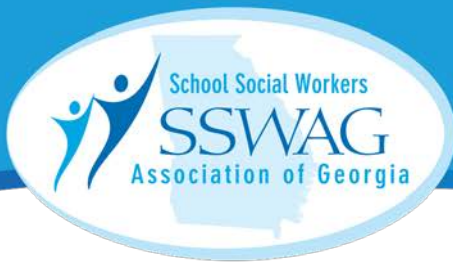
SSWAG New Business:

2022 SSWAA delegate assembly report-Petrina Fowler
2022 Nelson & Mullins Tastings on the Terrace report-Pam Jemerson
2022 Fall Conference report-Yvette Morelon & Stacey Reid
2023 Spring Conference report-Yvette Morelon & Rasha Portis
School Social Work day at the capitol

SSWAG Old Business:

Procedural Guidelines work session-schedule date
Strategic plan work session-schedule date

Meeting Minutes



Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Madam President

District Reports:

1: No one present

2: Latrina Kendrix-Sims: Fall in-person meeting tentatively scheduled for beginning of October

3: *Maggie Brown*: Fall meeting scheduled later this week

4: *Lois Word*: Meeting first week of September; new campaign "Each One, Bring One". Members will receive a gift card for bringing a new potential member to the meeting. Still offering the LCSW course for those who are interested.

5: *Kimberly Chin*: No new updates; meeting scheduled today at 1pm.

6: *Maria Josey*: Fall meeting scheduled September 2; SWs have been hired to serve as school therapists. She is excited to learn more about how to increase membership.

7: *Corey Lowe*: Fall meeting August 29 to include Ethics Training with Dr. Ruffin; they are planning a social work night out to encourage school social workers who have not been involved with SSWAG to increase their involvement and to promote camaraderie among school social workers in the area.

8: *Terry Hendrix*: No updates since last meeting; Fall meeting scheduled in September

9: *Mallory Hollis*: Not present

10: *Stephanie Taylor*: Fall meeting tentatively scheduled September 30 at Columbia County BOE due to the meeting date conflicting with the MV Homeless Liaison training; Columbia County has increased SSW to 9; Richmond County has 22 SSWs. Some of the newly hired SSW staff are hired for truancy and the courts. She would like to invite them to the meeting and encourage them to become involved in SSWAG.

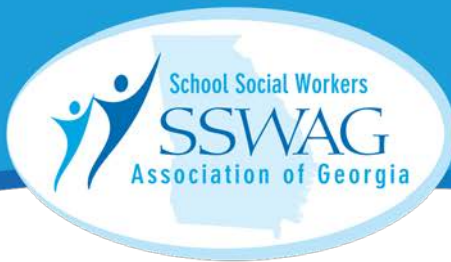
- Discussed the benefits of recruiting staff within districts who have a MSW but are not serving or assigned the same SSW duties as traditional SSWs. Noted the option of affiliate membership status.
- Madam President offered to identify a team from SSWAG to collaborate with Ms. Taylor to create a presentation for the BOE of the neighboring counties who are interested in seeking SSW positions.
- Further discussed the membership options that would best align with the staff not serving as SSW; Affiliate vs Associate

Secretary Report: Chrystal Gillis

Motion by Petrina Fowler to accept June 14-15 meeting minutes

Treasurer Report: Erin Woodcock

- Current balance: \$97,918.47
- Membership opened early this year has resulted in 114 active members to date
- Summer Retreat: 2 sponsors- Care Source for lunch and T-shirt Sloan Town Advice; total income received \$10, 510
- SSWAA affiliate fee, SSWAA Delegate Assembly (attended by Petrina Fowler –room/board, travel covered)
- \$1144 cost for summer retreat rooms
- legislative expenditure of \$1000



- Only expense resulting from summer retreat include the rooms after accounting for the sponsorship monies received
- Noted discounted rate when joining SSWAA at the time SSWAG dues
- Noted the updated membership form online which includes her updated address

Motion by Lois Word to accept Treasurer Report-motion passes

Awards Chair: Dr. Tracie Hogans-Simmons

- This is the first year post COVID to receive nominations for SSWOTY
- Qualification requirements will be shared with districts- noted all potential nominees must have 5 yrs of SSW experience and 2 years (past year+ current year) of SSWAG membership in good standing with the organization
- Information will be sent to district presidents on 8/26/22
- Advised all district presidents to share the information as quickly as possible to enable nominees adequate time to complete the packet
- All packets will be received electronically this year; December 1 remains the deadline

Legislative Chair: Presented by Dr. Lisa Clark Hill on behalf of Dr. Ursula Harris

- Encouraged each district president to connect with their local representative to share information about the role and benefits of SSWs within schools
- Dr. Harris will share points highlighted by Rep. Bentley to help guide the information to be included in the talking points with representatives

GNETS: Alison Jones not present

Historian: Presented by Stephanie Taylor on behalf of Burine Hill

- Still collecting documents

Journal Research Chairs: Dr. Cynthia Turner and Lois Word not available

- In December 2022 will requests submission of abstracts, articles etc. for 2022-23 Research Journal
- Plans to collaborate with University Liaison Julie Hawkins for the purpose of connecting with SW Field Offices and other staff

Long Ranch Planning Chairs: Petrina Fowler and Heather Anderson

- Actively searching for a location for Spring Conference 2024

Membership: Kashera Guy Robinson

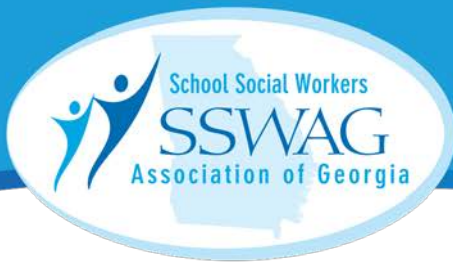
- 119 paid members to date; 292 members at the end of fiscal year 21-22
- Special recognitions to Cobb, Henry, and Chatham County paid the membership dues for all of their SSWs
- Encouraged all to welcome new and returning members
- Encouraged all to continue recruitment efforts

Mentoring: Kitina McCants and Crystal Williams not present

NASW Liaison: Pamela Jemerson

- Noted changes made to procedural guidelines are pending approval
- Attending the Tasting on the Terrace with SSWAG lobbyist on September 15, 2022

Nominating Chair: Keith Wilkey not present



Parliamentarian: Dr. Lisa Clark Hill

- No updates at this time

Procedural Guidelines: Mary Gail Lindsey not present

Professional Development: Michelle Blackburn not available

Public Relations: Recarlo Williams

- Plans to send out a SSWAG welcome letter by the end of the week

Retirement Chair: Ida Hafford-Brown

- Encouraged all to connect with retirees; invite them to your district meetings
- Include retirees in your email correspondence
- Plans to send out text messages and emails to retirees
- Noted Bevelyn Goolsby will no longer serve as a co-chair but will remain involved with the
- Requested assistance of other retirees
- Scheduled a luncheon with current retirees with plans to schedule future meetings
- Suggested the inclusion of activities that are appealing to retirees when planning the Spring Conference

Madam President requested a list of the retirees along with their email addresses in order to include them when sending future correspondence

University Liaison: Julie Hawkins not present

SSWAA/GaDOE: Dr. Lindsey Oliver not present

Vendor Consultant: Sonya Cruel

- 38 emails sent to potential or past vendors to solicit support on an annual basis in lieu of the conference only
- Some respondents have noted they are only interested in conference support
- Scheduled to send letters to an additional 32 potential or past vendors in hopes of being added to the budget of the potential vendors

Webmaster: Jarod Anderson

- No major updates
- Reminded all to send their bio and photos
- Encouraged all to send information for SSW Spotlight

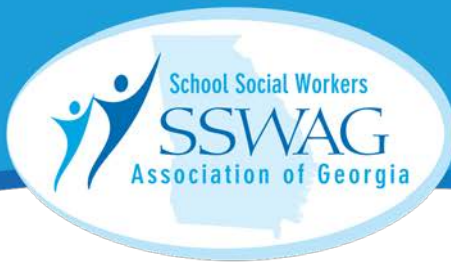
Madam President noted that Petrina Fowler agreed to manage SSWAG's Facebook page

Old Business: Madam President

- Scheduled meeting to review final procedural guidelines revisions for the areas not presented during summer retreat in June 2022
- Zoom meeting scheduled August 30 at 9am
- Strategic Plan meeting scheduled September 13 at 9am-11 am

New Business:

- Delegate Assembly attended by Petrina Fowler
- Met with Senators Ossoff, Warnock, Van Hollen(MD), Marco Rubio(FL), Kathy Castor(FL) to discuss supporting HR 7037
- HR 7037-School Social Workers Improving Student Success Act-aims to amend the ESEA to provide additional funds to hire and retain school social workers to address the need for school based mental health services



- Noted the need based on many school districts without school social workers; highlighted SSWAA ratio of 1 SSW/200 students compared to the average ratio of 1 SSW/2800 students
- Will forward an electronic document containing the position papers presented during the assembly

Fall Conference Co-chairs: Stacey Reid and Yvette Morelon (absent today)

- 3 speakers identified to date (Building Resiliency with Mindfulness, Self-Care beyond the basics and Compassion Fatigue)
- Currently working to finalize registration fees; proposed \$50 for a total of 5 CEs for members; \$25 fee for students; \$75 for non-members with a \$10 fee for CEs (members) and \$20 (non-members)
- Finalizing conference flyer and application packet for conference
- Conference date= October 21 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- Noted the fees for non-members vs members doesn't really incentive joining
- Discussed the possibility of adding a sponsor and include time for infomercials
- Noted the benefits of virtual door prizes (e- gift cards etc.)
- Discussed the benefit of adding a leadership component back to the Fall Conference agenda

Spring Conference Chairs: Rasha Portis and Petrina Folwer

- Westin Jekyll Island March 28-31, 2023
- Registration dues have not been finalized; plans to increase
- Continuing to identify options for a keynote speaker and vendors
- Created a theme contest to solicit feedback/ideas from school social workers; the winner will be announced during the Fall Conference
- Scheduled to send out a Fall call for workshops to coordinate with the theme; will offer
- Rita Wilson is a potential speaker; will add a leadership component; after hour networking opportunity; day at the beach; potential escape room activity
- Discussed the unfortunate conflict between the SSWAA Conference and SSWAG Conference this year; noted that the conference dates were the only dates available to return to the Westin Jekyll Island
- Noted the consensus to return to the Westin; noted the contract has been signed but will inquire about the ability to change the dates for the beginning of March 2022

Other New Business

- SSWAG Day at the Capital-Madam President would like to create a committee for SSWAG Day at the Capital; she noted the involvement of NASW Liaison Jemerson, Legislative Chair Dr. Harris
- Madam President also solicited members to assist with creating a committee to work on developing the SSW Evaluation Tool
- Requested feedback related to summer self-care activities

Motion by Stephanie Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 am-motion passes